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***Thank you for joining our effort to
protect children from the harmful
effects of diesel pollution by posting
No Idling signs at your school.***



No Idling Sign FAQs:

Why post no idling signs? Diesel exhaust from idling engines can accumulate in and around the bus and pose a health risk to children and bus drivers on the bus, and to kids playing in the schoolyard. When buses idle near school buildings, the exhaust can even pollute the air inside the building and pose a health risk throughout the day. Exposure to diesel exhaust can cause lung damage and other respiratory ailments, including exacerbating existing allergies and asthma. Children may be more susceptible to this pollution than adults because they breathe 50 percent more air per pound of body weight than do adults. Reducing idling is a simple and cost-effective way to help our kids breathe easier.

Where should we post the signs? Signs should be posted as a set and in a location that can easily be seen by bus drivers from the school bus loading/unloading area. Depending on the size and design of the school bus queuing area, you may need one or two sets per school. DEP encourages schools to obtain posts specifically dedicated to the no idling signs. Your local public works or municipal transportation department may be able to provide posts, or your local PTA may be able to help purchase them. An alternative is to add the signs to a pre-existing sign post already in an appropriate location.

Resources for reducing idling and to learn about DEP's diesel school bus retrofit program:

- Please visit CT DEP's website <http://dep.state.ct.us>
- Connecticut's No-Idling Regulation is available at:
<http://www.dep.state.ct.us/air2/regs/mainregs/sec18.pdf>
- Also visit www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus

Who should we contact if we have questions?

Please call Allison O'Neil Ferraro of DEP's Bureau of Air Management at (860)424-3924 or email allison.ferraro@po.state.ct.us if you need any assistance.

